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In the generation since discovering the **mass relay** near Pluto, humanity has used the ancient device to make its presence felt in the cosmos. Welcomed into the **Citadel Council**, the people of Earth have proven adroit and adaptive—to the consternation of some longer-established species.

But tragedy struck one of Earth's greatest heroes just weeks after rescuing the galactic capital, the **Citadel**, from a devastating strike. **Commander Shepard**, one of the few elite agents known as **Spectres**, was lost in a mysterious attack on the *Normandy*.

Now, Shepard's friends—including the intrepid asari, **Dr. Liara T'Soni**—want answers. But Shepard's enemies are searching for something, too. Something worth killing for . . .

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OMEGA.

IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE
HUMANS, THE TURINGS,
THE ASARI, OR ANY OF
THE OTHER SPECIES OF
THE CITADEL, IT HAS THE
SAME NAME --

--THE END OF
ALL THINGS.

OMEGA, A STATION CARVED
FROM AN ASTEROID IN THE
TERMINUS SYSTEMS, FAR
FROM CITADEL CONTROL --

-- ANCIENT, CONTESTED
GROUND FOR THE MANY
SPECIES THAT NOW
COEXIST UNEASILY INSIDE
ITS PRESSURIZED WALLS.

OMEGA -- FINAL DESTINATION FOR
SO MANY DESPERATE BEINGS
WHOSE HOPES HAVE FAILED.

PROVIDING, OF
COURSE, THAT
THEY CAN GET
THERE ALIVE...

WE'RE HERE.
A LONG WAY
TO BRING ONE
PERSON --



--THOUGH
SHE SURE PAID
WELL ENOUGH.
THINK THERE'S
MORE WHERE
THAT CAME
FROM?

I'M SURE OF
IT -- BUT I'M NOT
SO SURE ABOUT
SHAKING HER
DOWN.



I CAUGHT
AN EXTRANET
REPORT ON HER.
SHE'S PART OF
COMMANDER
SHEPARD'S
TEAM.

I WOULDN'T
WORRY ABOUT THAT,
TURIAN --



--THEY HAVEN'T
SEEN SHEPARD IN A
MONTH, NOT SINCE THE
NORMANDY GOT
TAKEN OUT.

IF *TWO-
EYES* BACK THERE
WANTS HELP FROM A
SPECTRE, SHE'D
BETTER PICK ONE
THAT'S STILL
ALIVE!



--I'LL
THANK YOU
NOT TO SPEAK
THAT WAY ABOUT
MY FRIENDS,
CAPTAIN --



-- DEAD
OR ALIVE.



YOU'RE
AWAKE, SO DID
OUR LITTLE ASARI.
CARGO ENJOY HER
FLIGHT? WE TRIED
NOT TO MAKE IT
TOO BUMPY
FOR YOU.

I DON'T
KNOW. MAYBE
SHE *LIKES* IT
ROUGH.



ARE
WE READY
TO DOCK AT
OMEGA OR
NOT?

SOON,
SOON. I WANTED
TO HAVE A TALK
WITH YOU FIRST
ABOUT CERTAIN...
*DOCKING
FEES.*



THIS IS AN
EXPENSIVE SHIP
I RUN HERE. YOU
WOULDN'T BELIEVE
MY OVERHEAD.

I'M REDUCED
TO HIRING PEOPLE
LIKE THE BROTHERS HERE,
AND I CAN'T AFFORD TO
GIVE THEM MANY...
PERKS.




YOU'VE BEEN
PAID, *BATARIAN.*
NOW GET BACK
AND --


HEY,
HEY-- IT'S ALL
RIGHT. WE'RE
NICE PEOPLE.
EVERYTHING'S
NEGOTIABLE.

IF
YOU CAN'T
PAY, MAYBE WE
CAN THINK OF
SOMETHING
ELSE...





ATTENTION,
BATARIAN
FREIGHTER! THIS IS
OMEGA CONTROL.
DO YOU WISH TO
DOCK OR NOT?



THIS IS **LIARA
T'SONI**, OMEGA
CONTROL. APOLOGIES
FOR THE DELAY -- I
WAS NEGOTIATING MY
FARE. STAND BY
FOR DOCKING.

COPY,
T'SONI. THIS TRIP
BUSINESS OR
PERSONAL?



BOTH. I
HAVE SOMEONE
TO MEET...







IT'S NOT
REALLY SAFE,
WALKING AROUND
ASKING QUESTIONS
ON OMEGA -- EVEN
IF YOU'RE FROM
AROUND HERE.

THE
INFORMATION
YOU'RE LOOKING
FOR WASN'T EASY TO
FIND -- NOT EVEN
FOR ME.



WHERE
ARE YOU TAKING
ME? WHAT DO YOU
KNOW ABOUT--



-- WHULP!



SORRY,
LIARA...



...WE WERE
BEING FOLLOWED. I'M
FERON-- AND YOU'RE
RIGHT. I DO KNOW
WHERE COMMANDER
SHEPARD IS.

BUT
YOU WON'T LIKE
WHAT I HAVE TO
TELL YOU.



DEAD?



YES-- OR VERY
CLOSE TO IT. IT'S
HARD TO SAY. THE
BODY HAS BEEN
RECOVERED, IN SOME
KIND OF **STASIS**
POD--

-- IF
NOT DEAD, THEN
CERTAINLY NOT ALIVE.
I KNOW YOU CAME A
LONG WAY-- SORRY TO
BE THE BEARER OF
BAD NEWS.



I NEED-- I
NEED TO **SEE**,
FERON. FOR
MYSELF.

LIARA--
YOU'RE NOT
THE ONLY ONE
INTERESTED IN
FINDING
SHEPARD.

I
SUGGEST YOU
LET THE DEAD
SLEEP.



I
GUESS MY
WORDS DIDN'T
TRANSLATE
CLEARLY INTO
DRELL.

I SAID, I
NEED TO **SEE**
SHEPARD.



IT'S
YOUR
MONEY.

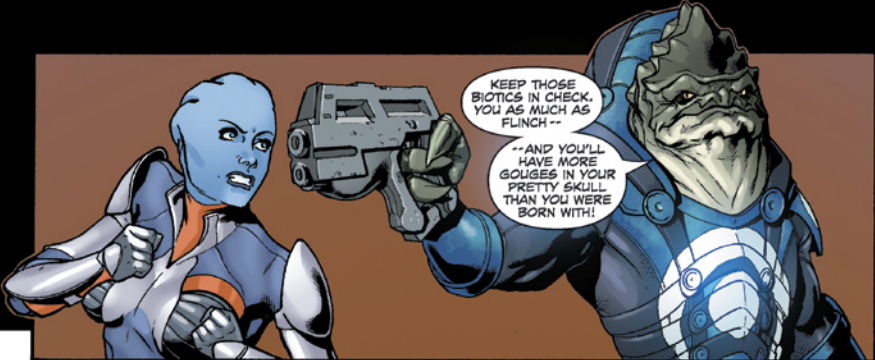
YOUR
LIFE.





FERON,
LOOK OUT!

HOLD IT,
ASARI!



KEEP THOSE
BIOTICS IN CHECK.
YOU AS MUCH AS
FLINCH--

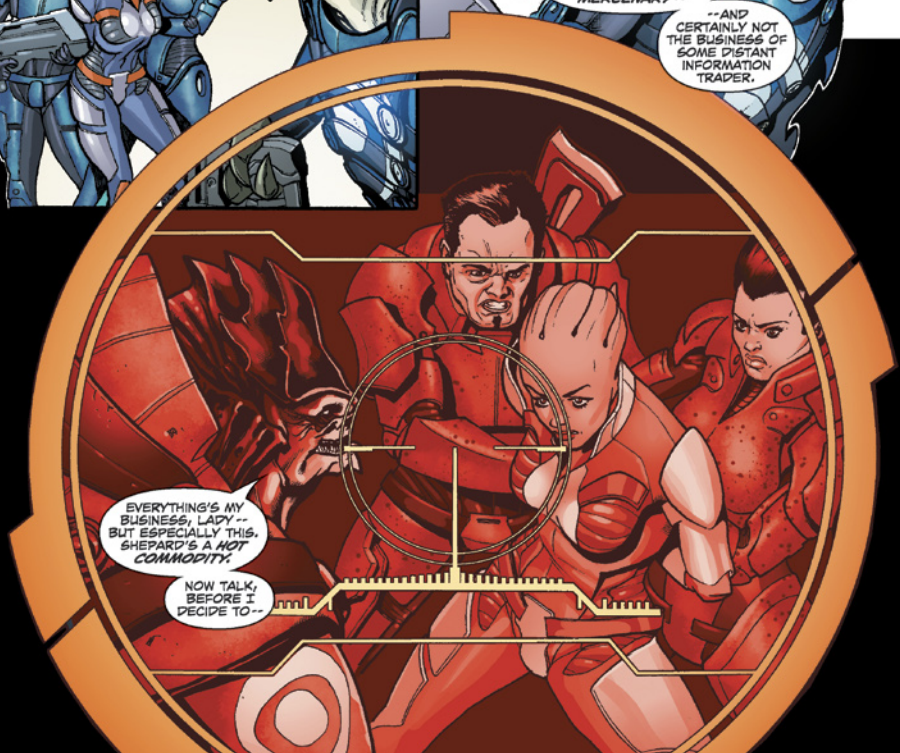
--AND YOU'LL
HAVE MORE
GOUCHES IN YOUR
PRETTY SKULL
THAN YOU WERE
BORN WITH!



YOU CAME
ALL THE WAY TO
OMEGA LOOKING
FOR SOMEONE WHO'S
DEAD, THE *SHADOW
BROKER* WANTS
TO KNOW WHY.

MY INTEREST IS MY
OWN BUSINESS, KROGAN.
NOT THAT OF SOME
MERCENARY--

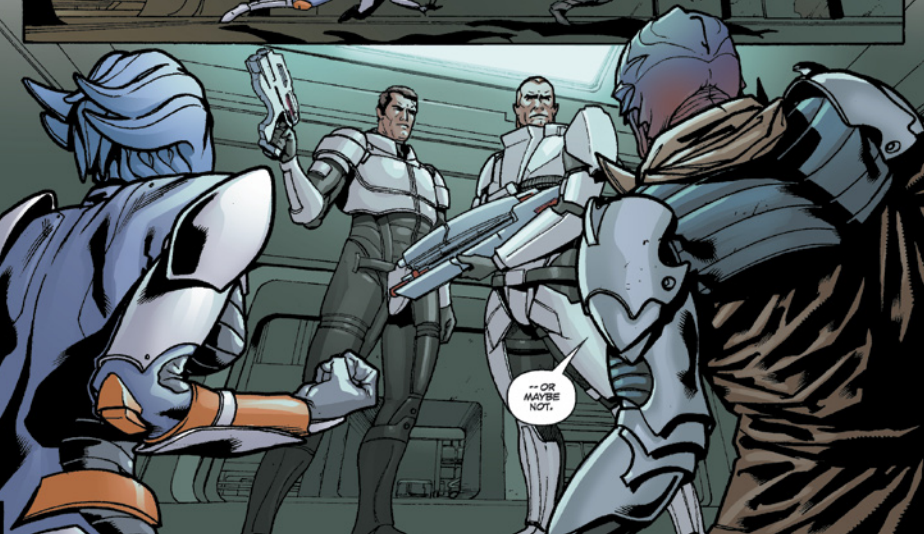
--AND
CERTAINLY NOT
THE BUSINESS OF
SOME DISTANT
INFORMATION
TRADER.



EVERYTHING'S MY
BUSINESS, LADY--
BUT ESPECIALLY THIS.
SHEPARD'S A *HOT
COMMODITY*.

NOW TALK,
BEFORE I
DECIDE TO--









SOON, ELSEWHERE
ON OMEGA...

WE SHOULDN'T
HAVE COME HERE,
LIARA. US, LEAST
OF ALL! DON'T YOU
KNOW WHO THESE
PEOPLE ARE?

THEY'RE
CERBERUS-- A
PROHUMAN HATE
GROUP. NEVER
MIND THAT YOUR
PEOPLE SIT ON
THE CITADEL
COUNCIL --

-- THEY DON'T
HAVE ANY MORE
USE FOR THE ASARI
THAN THEY DO FOR THE
DRELL! I WOULDN'T
LISTEN TO A WORD
THEY SAY!

I'M NOT
SURE I'D CALL
CERBERUS A HATE
GROUP, FERON --
BUT I WON'T BE
HELD WITHOUT
REASON,
EITHER.

AT LEAST
THEY SEEM TO
WANT TO GET
SHEPARD
BACK --

BECAUSE SHEPARD'S
HUMAN, LIARA! FIRST,
HUMAN SPECTRES -- THEN,
A SEAT ON THE COUNCIL.
IT'S ALL ABOUT THEM
WITH THESE PEOPLE.

WOULD THEY
WEEP IF SHEPARD
WERE A DEAD **MAWAT**?
OR A **KROGAN**, LIKE THE
ONE THEY USED FOR
TARGET PRACTICE
BACK THERE?







--AND THIS
A NEED TO BE
IN MANY PLACES AT
ONCE. BUT I HOPE
YOU AND I CAN
BE FRIENDS,
LIARA.

MAYBE.
I THOUGHT I'D
BE FRIENDS WITH
ANYONE LOOKING
FOR SHEPARD --
BUT NOW I'M NOT
SO SURE. WHY IS
CERBERUS
LOOKING?



SHEPARD IS
UNIQUE -- ONE OF THE
GREATEST EXAMPLES OF
OUR SPECIES. A SYMBOL
FOR ALL HUMANITY.

DEAD OR ALIVE, WE
WANT SHEPARD BACK IN
HUMAN HANDS.



I DON'T
UNDERSTAND. IF
SHEPARD IS DEAD,
WHAT WOULD YOU
WANT WITH A
CORPSE --

AS AN ASARI, I
CAN'T EXPECT YOU
TO UNDERSTAND OUR
TRADITIONS. BUT OUR
REASONS ARE NOT
IMPORTANT.



WHAT IS
IMPORTANT IS THAT THE
SHADOW BROKER WANTS
SHEPARD, TOO -- AND SENT
THOSE MERCENARIES TO
STOP YOU.

IN SOME WAYS, THE
SHADOW BROKER IS MY
OPPOSITE NUMBER IN THE
INFORMATION-GATHERING
BUSINESS --

-- ALWAYS
WORKING FROM
AFAR. BUT NOW,
THE *BROKER* HAS
MADE A DEAL WITH
THE DEVIL. OR,
MORE PRECISELY,
DEVILS --

--THE
COLLECTORS.





THE COLLECTORS! BUT THEY'RE A BUNCH OF SLAVERS. WHY WOULD THEY WANT A DEAD BODY?



THAT'S WHAT I NEED **YOU** TO FIND OUT.

FEW KNOW WHAT THE COLLECTORS WANT AT ALL. THEY'RE LITTLE MORE THAN COSMIC VAGABONDS--



--TURNING UP ON OMEGA FROM TIME TO TIME, MAKING OFF WITH BEINGS OF NO REAL USE -- OFTEN WITH TRIVIAL DISTINCTIONS.

VOLUS, MIDDLE SIBLINGS, DYSLEXIC KROGAN, ELCOR WHO SING WELL, PERVERSE, BUT HARMLESS IN THE LARGER SENSE --



--OR SO WE THOUGHT. BUT THEIR INTEREST IN SHEPARD IS ALARMING.

WE WOULD WANT SHEPARD'S REMAINS IN ANY EVENT -- BUT IT'S VITAL THAT THE COLLECTORS **NOT** HAVE THEM.




WHATEVER THEIR REASONS ARE, THEY CAN'T BE ANY GOOD. WHICH IS WHY WE NEED **YOU**.



WHY ME? YOU
HAVE ALL THESE
RESOURCES -- AND
YOU HAVE MIRANDA
AND HER PEOPLE
HERE.


IT'S DIFFICULT
FOR ME TO CONTENT
DIRECTLY WITH THE
SHADOW BROKER OUT
IN THE TERMINUS
SYSTEMS.

AND
WHILE MIRANDA
HAS HER ROLE
TO PLAY --



-- NOTHING
BEATS HAVING
SOMEONE WITH A
PERSONAL MOTIVE
DRIVING THEM.

YOU WERE
VERY CLOSE WITH
COMMANDER SHEPARD.
WHEN I HEARD YOU
WERE HERE, I KNEW
I WANTED YOU ON
MY TEAM.



THE DRELL, FERON,
DOES SEEM TO HAVE
A LEAD ON SHEPARD. I
SUSPECT HE, ALSO, MAY
PROVE USEFUL... FOR
AN ALIEN.

WILL YOU
WORK WITH HIM?
CAN WE COUNT
ON YOU?



NO --



-- BUT
SHEPARD
CAN.

GOOD --



"-- THAT'S WHAT I WAS COUNTING ON..."

THE DELAY IS UNACCEPTABLE; *SHADOW BROKER!*



AND YET YOU WILL ACCEPT IT -- UNLESS YOU *COLLECTORS* KNOW OF ANOTHER SOURCE THAT HAS SHEPARD'S BODY.

SHEPARD WILL BE BROUGHT TO A LOCATION OF MY OWN CHOOSING. THE TRANSACTION WILL TAKE PLACE THERE AND NOWHERE ELSE.

OTHER PLAYERS HAVE ENTERED THE GAME. I MUST PROTECT MY SOURCES AND METHODS.



QUICKLY, THEN. *SUCCEED.*



I ALWAYS DO--

-- I ALWAYS DO.

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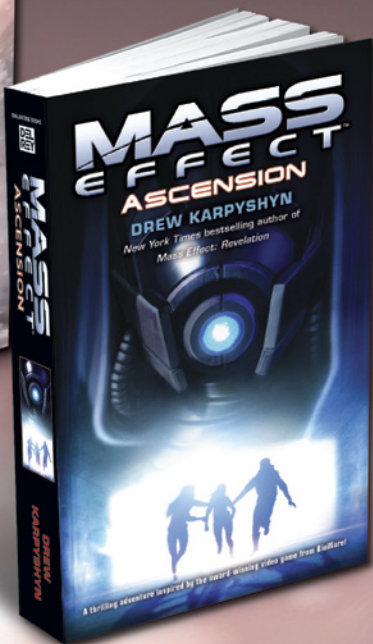
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